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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Under-Secretary-General for Management

Subject: **First day of issue 5 February 2010: Coin and Flag stamps series and annual collection folders and Vienna special event sheet "Human trafficking"**

Commemorative Stamps

1. On 5 February 2010, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will continue its Coin and Flag series by releasing 24 new stamps in the denominations of $0.44, SwF 0.85 and €0.65. This is the fifth year of the stamp series representing the coins and flags of Member States of the United Nations. The series is expected to run for approximately eight years, until all 192 Member States are issued.

2. The United Nations Member States represented on the 2010 Coin and Flag stamp sheets are as follows:

$0.44 sheet: Bahamas, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Kuwait, Panama, Saint Lucia and Yemen;

SwF 0.85 sheet: Argentina, Brunei Darussalam, Equatorial Guinea, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mauritania, Morocco, Seychelles and the Sudan;

€0.65 sheet: Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Jordan, Malta, Romania, Slovenia and Swaziland.

3. The three mini-sheets, consisting of two panes of four stamps, each accommodate eight different coins and flags and will be issued in the denominations of $0.44, SwF 0.85 and €0.65. (United States equivalents: SwF 0.85: $0.85 and €0.65: $0.98, subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)

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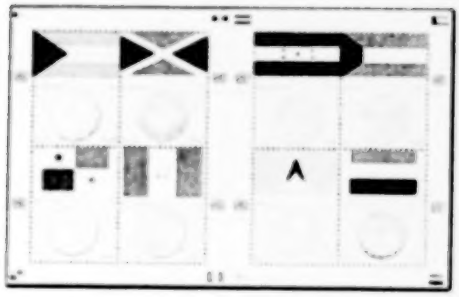
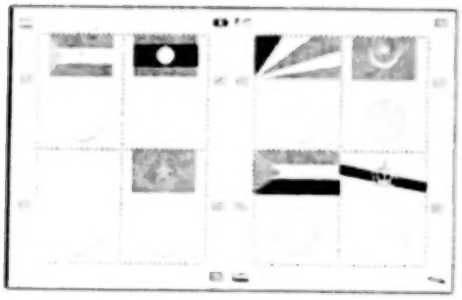


United States currency-denominated sheet



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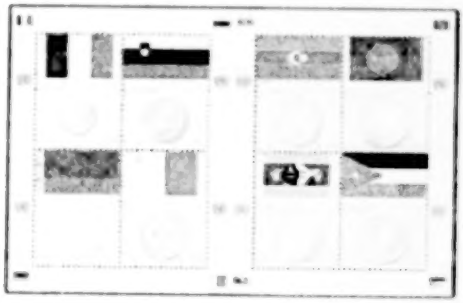

Euro-denominated sheet

4. As in the previous years' series, UNPA will continue to incorporate an ultraviolet luminescent security feature for the entire Coin and Flag stamp series.

5. For the duration of the series, a special collection folder containing one mint single stamp of each of the coin and flag stamps issued each year will be available. The folder is in trifold format and will consist of six panes of stamps and mounts.

Vienna special event sheet

6. On 5 February 2010, UNPA will issue a new special event sheet on the theme "Human trafficking". Human trafficking is a global problem whereby people are taken by improper means, such as force, fraud or deception, with the aim of exploiting them. Smuggling migrants involves the procurement for financial or other material benefit or illegal entry of a person into a country of which that person is not a national or resident. Virtually every country in the world is affected by these human trafficking crimes. The challenge for all countries is to target the criminals

who exploit desperate people and to protect and assist victims of trafficking and smuggled migrants, many of whom endure unimaginable hardships in their bid for a better life.

7. The sheet, in denominations of €0.65, features 10 stamps with images related to human trafficking. The tabs of the stamps contain the following logos: UNODC (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime), Blue Heart Campaign against Human Trafficking, UN.GIFT (Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking); and Vienna Forum to Fight Human Trafficking, UN.GIFT.

General information

8. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachets **only**. Members of delegations and staff can obtain these items on Friday, 5 February, at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

9. First-day-of-issue cancellations can be obtained at a temporary United States Postal Service substation located outside the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

10. Please visit the UNPA stamp counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building, which is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. during weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. during weekends and holidays. The stamp counter is closed on weekends during the months of January and February.

11. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at http://unstamps.un.org.